

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-6, 8-11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 33 as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged.

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1. (Currently Amended): A device to assist in the creation of vacuum bags, the device comprising:

a platform with a proximal end and a distal end adapted to support a vacuum bag sealing apparatus;

a storage unit ~~attached~~ connected with and extending above the platform from said distal end, having a first ~~and second~~ roller, each said roller adapted to accommodate a roll of vacuum bag material;

a base ~~connected with~~ supporting the platform having an inlet and an outlet, and adapted to accommodate ~~two continuous feeds~~ a feed of vacuum bag material with the outlet located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform; and

a slidable cutting mechanism adapted to cut the vacuum bag material, said slidable cutting mechanism located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform;

wherein the vacuum bag sealing apparatus is supported on the platform between said storage unit and said slidable cutting mechanism.

2. (Currently Amended): The device as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first ~~and second~~ roller can selectably accommodate a small roll or a large roll of vacuum bag material; and

wherein the small roll has a width narrower than that of the large roll.

3. (Currently Amended): The device as recited in Claim 2, wherein the first roller includes a tapered portion such that when a the small roll of vacuum bag material is connected with the first roller, the small roll can ~~will self align in the center of~~ so that the small roll is centered with respect to the roller.

4. (Currently Amended): The device as recited in Claim 2, wherein the first roller is adapted to accommodate a the small roll of vacuum bag material that has a width of eight inches, and ~~the a~~ large roll of vacuum bag material that has a width of eleven inches.

5. (Currently Amended): The device as recited in Claim 1, wherein the storage unit has a second roller adapted to accommodate a roll of vacuum bag material and wherein the base is adapted to allow ~~two sheets~~ two feeds of vacuum bag material to pass through the inlet and outlet simultaneously.

6. (Currently Amended): The device as recited in Claim 5, wherein a user ~~may~~ can access either ~~the a~~ small roll of vacuum bag material or ~~the a~~ large roll of vacuum bag material having a width wider than the small roll from the outlet of the base, ~~the large roll of vacuum bag material being located above the small roll of vacuum bag material.~~

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7. (Original): The device as recited in Claim 1, wherein the slidable cutting mechanism includes a cover having feet to hold the vacuum bag material in place while the vacuum bag material is being cut.

8. (Currently Amended): A device to assist in the creation of vacuum bags, the device comprising:

a platform ~~means~~ with a proximal end and a distal end adapted for supporting to support a vacuum bag sealing apparatus;

a storage unit ~~means~~ connected with and extending above the platform from said distal end for storing at least two rolls of vacuum bag material;

~~means for allowing a user to access at least two rolls of vacuum bag material simultaneously~~ a base supporting the platform having an inlet and an outlet, and adapted to accommodate at least two feeds of vacuum bag material with the outlet located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform; and

~~means for cutting~~ a slidable cutting mechanism adapted to cut the vacuum bag material, said slidable cutting mechanism located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform;

wherein the vacuum bag sealing apparatus is supported on the platform between said storage unit and said slidable cutting mechanism.

9. (Currently Amended): The device as recited in Claim 8, wherein the storage unit has two rollers, each roller selectably accommodating ~~either~~ a large roll or a small roll of vacuum bag material;

wherein the small roll has a width narrower than that of the large roll.

10. (Currently Amended): The device as recited in Claim 9, wherein at least one roller can include a tapered portion such that when a the small roll of vacuum bag material is connected with the at least one roller, the small roll will self align in the center of so that the small roll is centered with respect to the roller.

11. (Currently Amended): A device to assist in the creation of vacuum bags, the device comprising:

a platform with a proximal end and a distal end adapted to support a vacuum bag sealing apparatus;

a storage unit ~~attached~~ connected with and extending above the platform from said distal end, having a first and second roller, each roller adapted to support a roll of vacuum bag material;

a base ~~attached with~~ supporting the platform having an inlet and an outlet, adapted to accommodate support two sheets feeds of vacuum bag material with the outlet located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform, each sheet feed stored at a different height so that a user can access

either sheet feed from the outlet of the base; and

a slidable cutting mechanism ~~attached with the base~~, adapted ~~for cutting to cut the~~ vacuum bag material, said slidable cutting mechanism located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform;

wherein the vacuum bag sealing apparatus is supported on the platform between said storage unit and said slidable cutting mechanism.

12. (Original): The device as recited in Claim 11, wherein the slidable cutting mechanism includes a cover having feet to hold the vacuum bag material in place while the vacuum bag material is being cut.

13. (Currently Amended): A device to assist in the creation of vacuum bags, the device comprising:

a storage unit having a first roller and a second roller, each roller adapted to selectably store a small or large roll of vacuum bag material;

a base having an inlet and an outlet, and further having two levels, adapted to allow the small and large roll of vacuum bag material to pass simultaneously through the base, ~~where the large roll of vacuum bag material is located above the small roll of vacuum bag material;~~

a cutting mechanism having means for creating a piece from the vacuum bag material;

a platform ~~for supporting~~ to support a vacuum bag sealing apparatus above the base;

and

wherein a user may access both the small roll or the large roll of vacuum bag material from the outlet of the base; and

wherein the small roll has a width narrower than that of the large roll.



14. (Currently Amended): The device as recited in Claim 13, wherein at least one of the first and second roller can include a tapered portion such that when a the small roll of vacuum bag material is connected with the first or second roller, the small roll will self align in the center of so that the small roll is centered with respect to the roller.

15. (Original): The device as recited in Claim 13, wherein the cutting mechanism includes a cover having feet to hold the vacuum bag material in place while the vacuum bag material is being cut.

16. (Currently Amended): A device to assist in the creation of vacuum bags, the device

comprising:

81 a platform with a proximal end and a distal end adapted to support a vacuum bag sealing apparatus;

a storage unit ~~attached~~ connected with and extending above the platform from said distal end, having a first and second roller, each roller adapted to support and self-align a roll of vacuum bag material;

a base ~~attached with~~ supporting the platform having an inlet and an outlet, adapted to support two ~~sheets~~ feeds of vacuum bag material so that a user can access either ~~sheet~~ feed from the outlet of the base; and

a slidable cutting mechanism ~~attached with the base~~, adapted ~~for cutting to cut~~ the vacuum bag material said slidable cutting mechanism located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform;

wherein the vacuum bag sealing apparatus is supported on the platform between said storage unit and said slidable cutting mechanism.

17. (Original): The device as recited in Claim 16, wherein the cutting mechanism includes a cover having feet to hold the vacuum bag material in place while the vacuum bag material is being cut.

18. (Currently Amended): A device to assist in the creation of vacuum bags, the device comprising:

a platform with a proximal end and a distal end adapted to support a vacuum bag sealing apparatus;

B1 a storage unit ~~attached~~ connected with and extending above the platform from said distal end, having a first roller, said roller adapted to accommodate a roll of vacuum bag material;

a base ~~connected with~~ supporting the platform, having an inlet and an outlet, and adapted to accommodate a feed of vacuum bag material with the outlet located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform; and

a cutting mechanism adapted to cut the vacuum bag material, said cutting mechanism located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform;

wherein a portion of the platform that supports the vacuum bag sealing apparatus has a width at least twice as large as a width of a portion of the platform that supports the storage unit.

19. (Original): The device as recited in Claim 18, wherein the cutting mechanism includes a cover having feet to hold the vacuum bag material in place while the vacuum bag material is being cut.

20. (Withdrawn): A stand comprising:

a platform adapted to support a vacuum bag sealing apparatus;

a storage unit attached to the platform and adapted to store vacuum bag material;

a channel defined in the platform under where the vacuum bag sealing apparatus is adapted to be positioned;

an outlet in the platform and communicating with the channel in order to dispense vacuum bag material; and

a cutting mechanism adapted to cut the vacuum bag material.

21. (Withdrawn): The stand of claim 15 including:

a cutting mechanism located adjacent to the outlet.

B/ 22. (Withdrawn): The device as recited in Claim 20, wherein the cutting mechanism includes a cover

having feet to hold the vacuum bag material in place while the vacuum bag material is being cut.

23. (Withdrawn): A stand comprising:



a platform adapted to support a vacuum bag sealing apparatus with the apparatus having a back end and a front sealing end;

a storage unit upstanding from the platform adjacent to a location where the back end of the apparatus is adapted to be placed, said storage unit adapted to store vacuum bag material;

a channel defined in the platform under where the vacuum bag sealing apparatus is adapted to be positioned;

an outlet in the platform and communicating with the channel in order to dispense vacuum bag material, said outlet adapted to be located adjacent to the front sealing end of the apparatus; and

a cutting mechanism adapted to cut the vacuum bag material.

24. (Withdrawn): The device as recited in Claim 23, wherein the cutting mechanism includes a cover

having feet to hold the vacuum bag material in place while the vacuum bag material is being cut.

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25. (Withdrawn): The stand of claim 23 including:

a cutting mechanism located adjacent to the outlet.

26. (Currently Amended): A device to store material and create individual sheets, the device comprising:

a platform with a proximal end and a distal end;

a storage unit ~~attached~~ connected with and extending above the platform from said distal end, having a first and second roller, each roller adapted to accommodate a roll of material;

a base ~~connected with~~ supporting the platform, having an inlet and an outlet, and adapted to accommodate two ~~continuous~~ feeds of material with the outlet located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform; and

a slidable cutting mechanism adapted to cut the material, said slidable cutting mechanism located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform;

wherein a bag sealing apparatus can be supported on the platform between said storage unit and said slidable cutting mechanism.

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27. (Original): The device as recited in Claim 26, wherein the slidable cutting mechanism includes a cover having feet to hold the material in place while the material is being cut.

28. (Currently Amended): A device to store material and create individual sheets, the device comprising:

a platform;

a storage unit attached with the platform, having a first and second roller, each roller adapted to support a roll of material;

a base ~~attached with~~ supporting the platform having an inlet and an outlet, adapted to support two sheets of material, each sheet stored at a different height so that a user can access either sheet from the outlet of the base; and

a slidable cutting mechanism attached with the base, adapted for cutting the material;  
wherein a bag sealing apparatus can be supported on the platform between said storage  
unit and said slidable cutting mechanism.

29. (Original): The device as recited in Claim 28, wherein the slidable cutting mechanism includes a cover having feet to hold the material in place while the material is being cut.

30. (Currently Amended): A device to assist in the creation of individual bags, the device comprising:

a platform with a proximal end and a distal end adapted to support a bag sealing apparatus;

a storage unit ~~attached~~ connected with and extending above the platform from said distal end, having a first roller, said roller adapted to accommodate a roll of bag material;

a base ~~connected with~~ supporting the platform, having an inlet and an outlet, and adapted to accommodate a feed of bag material with the outlet located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform; and

a cutting mechanism adapted to cut the bag material, said cutting mechanism located adjacent to said proximal end of said platform;

wherein the bag sealing apparatus is supported on the platform between said storage unit and said cutting mechanism.

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31. (Original): The device as recited in claim 30, wherein the cutting mechanism includes a cover having feet to hold the bag material in place while the bag material is being cut.

32. (Currently Amended): A device to assist in the creation of individual bags, the device comprising:

a platform adapted to support a bag sealing apparatus;

a storage unit attached with the platform, having a first roller, said roller adapted to accommodate a roll of bag material;

a base connected with the platform, having an inlet and an outlet, and adapted to accommodate a feed of bag material; and

a cutting mechanism adapted to cut the bag material, said cutting mechanism having a cover with feet to hold the bag material in place while the roll of bag material is being cut;

wherein the bag sealing apparatus is supported above the base.

33. <sup>B1</sup>(Currently Amended): A device to assist in the creation of individual vacuum bags, the device comprising:

a platform adapted to support a vacuum bag sealing apparatus;

a storage unit attached with the platform, having a first roller, said roller adapted to accommodate a roll of vacuum bag material;

a base connected with the platform, having an inlet and an outlet, and adapted to accommodate a feed of vacuum bag material; and

a cutting mechanism adapted to cut the vacuum bag material, said cutting mechanism having a cover with feet to hold the vacuum bag material in place while the vacuum bag material is being cut;

wherein the bag sealing apparatus is supported above the base.

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